



## TAKE YOUR TRAINING FORWARD

### *So, what's next?*

**You've been accepted to The Nutmeg Ballet's Year-Round Residency Program. Congratulations!** (We can never say that enough.)

*Now that you know you're in, you may be wondering what's the next steps may be...*

If you will be a highschool student, please be aware that you should contact the Director of Academics to discuss qualifications and enrollment procedures for our academic program if you haven't already done so. You may visit our website: [Classical Academic Program \(CAP\)](#) for further information concerning academics. We encourage you to contact Donna M. Mattiello, Director of Academics, at 860.482.4413 Ex. 314, or [DMattiello@nutmegconservatory.org](mailto:DMattiello@nutmegconservatory.org).

*What are my academic options?*

While [Keystone National High School](#) and [Laurel Springs High School](#) are options organized through our program, we would be happy to discuss other options with you that may be available in your home state or from other providers of your choosing.

*How do I plan a visit?*

If you have not yet done so, please know that we welcome and encourage any prospective student and their family to visit us. We would love to meet with you, arrange a tour and allow you to take a class as our guest. To arrange for a visit, please contact Lisa Lopez, at [llopez@nutmegconservatory.org](mailto:llopez@nutmegconservatory.org).

*Do I have to decide now?*

The answer is, of course not! We understand that this is a very big decision for the entire family. Some of you have opted to spend your summer with us before making a commitment and that's perfectly understandable. We do encourage you, nonetheless, to [apply for financial aid](#) if you believe this will weigh into your decision to attend. There is a finite pool of funds available for scholarships and financial aid and when these funds are gone they're gone.

As a non-profit, we work diligently each day to raise funding for scholarships, but the reality is that there are more applicants than we have available for the funds. So apply early even if you aren't yet sure if Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory is the right fit. If you're thinking this is where you want to be, we suggest getting that financial aid application submitted. We will be sending out the year-round contracts beginning May 15<sup>th</sup> and only those applications that have been submitted to the Financial Aid Committee will reflect any possible scholarship award.

*What about scholarships or financial aid?*

Nutmeg utilizes School and Student Services (SSS) to assess financial ability to pay for the Residency Year-Round Program. No student will be considered for a financial scholarship unless a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) is completed on the SSS website. Please click on the following link to start the process: <http://sssbynais.org/parents>. Please note that merit Scholarships are very limited and are typically awarded the time of audition or as a result of the summer program.

Are there other potential sources of funding my education and dance training?

That is a very good question! YES. Many of our students have been quite creative. Whether it's an independent business venture, online personal fundraising, or rallying the support of family and friends or local businesses, the options of support are many. There are programs such as [yourtuitionsolutions.com](http://yourtuitionsolutions.com) and lenders such as Sallie Mae as well your own bank and other financial institutions providing programs which may work for your family as well. For a brochure regarding Your Tuition Solution, click [here](#). It's important to do your research to find what works best for your particular circumstances.

We do hope you are in contact with us if you have any questions as you review our website for information. We'd be happy to walk you through the process and put you in touch with specific members of our faculty and staff who are best able to provide you with the information you need.

We look forward to being in touch soon!